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The days of Star Chamber Courts, and Inquisitorial Judgments, have gone by; and they who seek to revive them will soon find that public senti-

Mediums—ye, whom the spirits have called to endure the scorn and hatred of the votaries of ignorance, superstition and hoary custom ; be true to your calling; let the battle of prejudice rage around you as it may, the war clouds will e're long be lifted from about you, and such peace will come to you as only angels know. In the darkest hour of your wrongs and persecutions, strive to emulate the Nazarene, and pray with him,—“ Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” In this

Spiritualism is either an unjust and pernicious cause, or, it has been instituted for the benefit of all who seek to know the truths on which it rests. If the latter, then is it vitally important to preserve every plank of the bridge, by means of which any member of the human hosts has escaped the pressing danger of the tyrants, ignorance, superstition, and religious bigotry. It is admitted on all hands that no cause or movement ever set in motion among men, has ever spread and progressed as has Modern Spiritualism. It is

If this was — a thing which we know is not the case — where would Spiritualism be to-day, and where would it speedily come? Beyond question, to such a pass that the public would never hear of it. Where is there a private circle, or a volunteer medium, accessible to all who may seek a knowledge of Spiritualism? especially at such times and places as these? No, it is not to be feared. We neither know nor have heard of such. We insist that public mediums are the great need of Spiritualism at this time, and must continue to be until all are satisfied of its truth and importance. We insist that no person can successfully feign mediumship, or simulate Spiritual manifestations. No one who has ever attempted it has succeeded for a moment. This arises from the fact that no genuine Spiritual manifestations are fucapable of simulation by mortal means. We have ourselves witnessed the most abortive attempts to imitate such manifestations, but they have all failed in balance to them as the poorest counterfeit has to genuine coin. No person of the most ordinary

understanding, or habits of observation could fail to distinguish between the two. We infinitely prefer them to trust public mediums, who sit for reasonable compensation, than to trust mediums who fear to subject themselves to the test of public criticism. With the latter there is one of two influences operating and governing their action; either they do not possess that positive mediumistic power which enables their controlling guides to overcome the obstacles which public mediums are called to

**Editor of MIND AND MATTER:**

The following communication was sent to the "Banner of Light" for publication. First, because we wished the many members of the valuable paper might know of the heart-cheering associations we were enjoying here in Vineland with our dear spirit friends—and, secondly, because we felt it a duty we owed to our medium, Mr. H. C. Gordon. The communication has not been published, and will not be, I presume, as it is now two months since it was sent to them:

“EDITORS OF THE BANNER OF LIGHT:  
Feeling conscious that there is a call for a short statement of what we are realizing here in Vineland, in regard to “slate-writing,” “materializing,” etc., through the mediumship of Dr. Harrie C. Gordon, I send you the following :  
I am aware that Mr. Gordon has run the gauntlet of persecution in equal proportions with the majority of our good mediums for physical manifesta-

her right eyes she had told us she would do. She passed, across the room to her husband, and then, with a look of intense remorse, which she, on coming back to us, placed in the hair of her young five-year-old daughter. I have spoken of only a few of the manifestations we are receiving. I have not time to mention the large and crowded audiences. For mental culture and acquirements the seance attendants have equalled their numbers in any community. Mr. Gordon is a well educated man, a member of the Episcopal Church, and previous to last spring he had resided in their family while they resided in Camden and Philadelphia for more than two years. They testify of his high intelligence and of his high moral character. I am many times sorrowful when I consider how reckless some of our friends (Spiritualists) are in their enthusiasm, and especially when their manifestations are unjust and untruthful. I have rejected because the angel-world have been so successful in their choice of conductors of the "Bancroft" and "Herald" mediums. Their manifestations are of integrity toward mediums. Their angels are all holy and by crowd and by single flowers of beauty.

U. N. MERWIX.

materialized spirits have been seen at the same time. Our spirit friends have conversed with us; they have sung with us, and at some Sunday seances they have appeared in the daylight, in full form and with beautiful apparel.

In a harmonious circle, and the medium in good repair, we have never failed of having grand and cheering results. We have had between thirty and forty seances with Mr. Gordon, and the average attendance has been twenty persons or more. Out of this number some twelve persons have been so charmed by their attitude and so completely attached to him, for his kindness and companionship while with us,

I most sincerely hope, friend Roberts, you will meet with unexpected success in your new enterprise, and that MIND and MATTER will be abundantly sustained. The citizen Spiritualists of Philadelphia, I think, must feel the necessity of having a Spiritual paper in their city. May the angel world shower upon you their best gifts in my hearty invocation.

U. N. MERWIN.

Vineland, Dec. 11, 1878.

It appears from certain correspondence which has come to us through the foreign Spiritual journals, especially from England, that certain prominent and influential persons have organized a society called the British National Association of Spiritualists. This society, it seems, have undertaken to exercise the prerogative of trying and condemning mediums in a manner similar to the Chicago Junta proceedings in the cases of Messrs. Bastian and Taylor, and Mrs. Cora V. Richmond. It is quite gratifying to know that they are likely to accomplish about as much, in the way of controlling the work of the spirit world through their mediums, in the one case as in the other.

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